

Of course, the Army and the Navy made it tough this year: both games were hard-fought to the final gun. But the spirit and determination of this team carried the day. Now the class of 1993 has the distinction of being the first service academy class to go undefeated against the other academies. And who would have thought that the Air Force would have accomplished all this with a relentless ground attack?

In the early eighties Air Force's head coach was Ken Hatfield, a native of my State and later the head coach of the University of Arkansas. His offensive coordinator was Fischer DeBerry. When they installed the wishbone offense, they found a winning combination. Since Coach DeBerry took over as head coach in 1984, his teams have won the Commander in Chief's Trophy six times and have earned their way to seven post-season bowl games.

But more importantly than the victories or the trophy are the life lessons Coach DeBerry has taught in word and in deed. In his own inimitable mile-a-minute style, the coach instills the values of discipline, teamwork, and faith that produce success on the gridiron and in life. His guidance and the leadership of the team seniors sustained the Falcons through the challenges and triumphs of a 7-5 season that closed with a heart-breaking loss to the University of Mississippi in the Liberty Bowl.

The University of Arkansas has lost some Liberty Bowl games, too; I know about that. Through it all the 1992 Falcons lived up to their credo: Together, one at a time. Sticking together, believing in each other, taking one game at a time brought them here today. I might add, it will take us as Americans a long way if we can follow those rules.

In honoring the team spirit of the Falcons today I can't overlook one special player, Cadet First Class Carlton McDonald, whose efforts set a standard of All-American excellence at corner back. If you don't believe me, just ask the quarterbacks and the kickers who were terrorized. Whether intercepting passes or blocking kicks, he wreaked havoc on opposing offenses. I'm glad that he will be on our side as an Air Force officer.

In fact, I am proud that in 20 days—26 days and a wake-up—all of you will be com-

missioned as second lieutenants in the United States Air Force. I encourage you there to carry on your spirit of dedication and selflessness as you become leaders for our Nation.

So now it is with great pride that I present this 1992 Commander in Chief's Trophy to the team captains of the Air Force Academy Falcons, Jarvis Baker, Chris Baker, and Carlton McDonald. Will they please come up, along with the coach?

Let's give them a hand.

[At this point, the President presented a trophy, and the team presented gifts to the President.]

I want you to know that a couple of years ago my wife and daughter went to visit the Air Force Academy, and I think it was one of the most important events of her childhood. She came back with brochures and pictures, and we talk about it all the time. Just last week we had another conversation about it, and she asked me if her eyes were too bad to fly. *[Laughter]* She really loves the Air Force Academy.

I also want to say something to you, coach. I'm glad the Air Force Academy has a coach who doesn't speak with an accent. *[Laughter]*

And I can't close, General McPeak, without a little word of personal pride here. The President's military aide from the Air Force, Major Johnson, over here, was herself a distinguished athlete at the Air Force Academy in basketball. She can still run the President into the dirt on any given morning. *[Laughter]* I thank the Air Force Academy for her, and I thank all of you for being here today. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:44 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Nominations for Posts at the Department of State

May 6, 1993

The President named two experienced environmental leaders to Senior Executive Service positions at the State Department

today. Rafe Pomerance will serve as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, and Jessica Tuchman Mathews will serve as Deputy Under Secretary for Global Affairs.

"The global environment is one of the most serious issues facing our Nation," said the President. "These two nominees have a lifetime of experience and knowledge in working on this critical issue. I look forward to working with them to attack the pressing problems of global pollution."

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Proclamation 6558—National Walking Week, 1993

May 6, 1993

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Medical research confirms that regular physical activity benefits human health in many ways. Exercise can help to prevent and manage coronary heart disease, hypertension, noninsulin-dependent diabetes, osteoporosis, and mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety. Regular exercise is also linked with lower rates of colon cancer and stroke. Light to medium exercise for at least 30 minutes each day enhances our lives by improving our physical fitness and our health.

Sustained walking is a wonderful way to exercise at minimal risk and little cost. Millions of Americans enjoy walking for a variety of reasons: as a time for private reflection; an occasion to enjoy the company of friends; a form of public demonstration; or as an invigorating activity and sport. Exercise such as walking is a key component of our Nation's prevention agenda, which envisions a healthier, vibrant America. Regular walking is a form of self-care that can contribute to the reduction of preventable death, disease, and disability; reduce health care costs; improve overall energy and efficiency; and promote long and healthy lives. Americans across the country are experiencing the joys

and benefits of regular walking as policy-makers, legislators, and citizens work to improve trails and protect natural environments that make walking pleasurable and safe.

The Congress, by Public Law 102-474, has designated the week of May 2 through May 8, 1993, as "National Walking Week" and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2 through May 8, 1993, as National Walking Week. I invite the Governors of the 50 States and the appropriate officials of all other areas under the jurisdiction of the United States to issue similar proclamations. I encourage the American people to join with health and recreation professionals, private voluntary associations, and other concerned organizations in observing this week with appropriate programs and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventeenth.

William J. Clinton

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Remarks on Campaign Finance Reform and a Question-and-Answer Session

May 7, 1993

The President. Thank you very much. Mr. Vice President, distinguished leaders of the Congress, ladies and gentlemen from Close Up. I'm delighted to have the Close Up students sitting with us today at the White House. A little more than 30 years ago, when I was about your age, I came here, and the experience changed my life forever in terms of my dedication to try to do more to help